

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for increasing a retrievable cell amount in a breast duct comprising ~~inducing cell sloughing within the duct by applying vibration to the duct.~~ the steps of:

applying vibration to a breast duct sufficient to induce cell sloughing within said breast duct and;

collecting said sloughed cells from said breast duct;

wherein applying vibration to said breast duct increases the retrievable amount of cells collected from said breast duct.

Claim 2 (original): A method as in claim 1, wherein said vibration is produced by ultrasound.

Claim 3 (original): A method as in claim 1, wherein said vibration is applied to said breast duct either externally or internally.

Claim 4 (original): A method as in claim 1, wherein said vibration is combined with heat and/or massage.

Claim 5 (original): A method as in claim 1, wherein said retrievable cell amount is collected through ductal lavage.